

Sinclair  
Broadcasting's  
decision to force  
their stations to  
air an anti-Kerry  
documentary days  
before the election  
is a clear example  
of the dangers of  
media consolidation.

In effect,  
Sinclair's actions  
are equivalent to  
state-owned media  
presenting one view  
and ONLY one view on  
the airwaves.

Sinclair uses the  
PUBLIC airwaves free  
of charge, and is  
obligated by law to  
serve the public  
interest. What has  
become of the  
fairness doctrine?  
Are we not still in  
a democracy, where  
no one group gets to  
control the totality  
of information  
disseminated to the  
public? If this  
"documentary" airs,  
shouldn't Sinclair  
be required to  
present the other  
side immediately  
after?

When will a  
taxpayer-funded  
organization, like  
the FCC, finally  
work FOR the  
taxpayers, and not  
for the station  
owners who are  
 beholden to the  
PUBLIC?

Sinclair's actions  
show why we need to  
strengthen media  
ownership rules, not  
weaken them. They  
show why the license  
renewal process  
needs to involve  
more than a returned  
postcard. Thank you.